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USSR-INDIA: Advice to Communist Party

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[] The pro-Moscow Communist Party of India may be ignoring Soviet advice to avoid a confrontation with Prime Minister Gandhi.

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[] Scores of Communists were arrested on December 31, on the eve of a two-week national protest against Gandhi's domestic policies that was organized by the party. A recent increase in Communist criticism of Gandhi's Congress Party had contributed to the tension between the government and the Indian Communist Party. The Communists have obviously begun to chafe at the state of emergency, which also catapulted Gandhi's anti-communist son, Sanjay, into a position of considerable influence.

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[] The Indian Communists cannot seriously challenge Gandhi's government without courting disaster; at the same time, any signs of cooperation with her party serves to undermine Communist efforts to become a political force in India. The Soviets, for their part, have demonstrated that they value state relations with India more than they value party ties with the Indian Communists. []

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JAMAICA: Expanding Home Guard

[redacted] Jamaican Prime Minister Manley has announced that he will greatly expand the Home Guard, an organization of armed civilians under police command responsible for maintaining order in local communities.

[redacted] Manley's ostensible purpose is to combat the problem of violence, but the Guard may well become a partisan force independent of the normal security apparatus.

[redacted] Hugh Small, a leading radical in Manley's People's National Party, is apparently responsible for overseeing the Guard. Its "coordinator" is Donald Powell, perhaps the most unrestrained sympathizer with Manley's party on the constabulary force. The ruling party's youth arm and its women's auxiliary are among the organizations with members who have rushed to join the Guard. [redacted]

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